

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Prior Application:

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Serial No.: Continuation of  
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Examiner: Alexander O. Boakye

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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January 20, 2004

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows. This Preliminary Amendment complies with the amendment format as set forth in 68 Fed. Reg. 38611 dated June 30, 2003.

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